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## STRIKE ENDS AT U.S. STEEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The United Steelworkers, CIO, and the U. S. Steel Corp. signed a wage agreement tonight ending a strike of 125,000 workers at 12:01 a.m. Monday.

Secretary of Labor Schwelkenbach announced that the contract provided for wage increases of 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents an hour, the figure proposed by President Truman before the industry-wide strike began Jan. 21.

He said the disputed retroactivity issue was compromised to provide for an increase of nine and one-quarter cents for the period from Jan. 1 until next Monday.

Union President Philip Murray told reporters that steelworkers' representatives were being told to contact other steel companies immediately for collective bargaining on the basis of the contract signed with U. S. Steel.

He said striking workers not employed by the five U. S. Steel production subsidiaries would remain on strike until contracts are signed.

Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, said that governmental action in raising steel prices had made possible the settlement.

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# Levant Occupation Must End--Vishinsky

Andrei Y. Vishinsky, chief Soviet delegate to the UNO, took up the cudgels for Syria and Lebanon yesterday, and strongly backed their demand for the immediate withdrawal of French and British troops. The American delegate, Edward R. Stettinius, weakly expressed "the hope" that foreign

armies would withdraw from the Levant states, but urged another round of direct negotiations between the countries concerned.

Vishinsky would not let the matter go at that, and declared that Syria and Lebanon could not negotiate while they were under "armed threats," adding that the French conditions for withdrawal were "a violation of Syrian and Lebanese sovereignty."

Again the Security Council witnessed a familiar line-up: the Soviet Union defended the independence of the small nations; France and Britain fought for their footholds in Syria and Lebanon, and the United States gave weak lip service to the independence principle while evading the immediate issue of withdrawal.

Under a treaty negotiated last December, both British and French troops were supposed to withdraw. Neither of them have. And each has been blaming the other while remaining inside Syria and Lebanon in the meantime. This delay precipitated a Syrian-Lebanese demand for Security Council action.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault defended his country's policy, but Vishinsky was not satisfied with Bidault's defense. He attacked a British-French agreement of last December by which those countries agreed to withdraw their

troops when the UNO established a security setup for the Middle East. "The agreement is illegal and a violation of the sovereignty of the Levant states," Vishinsky snapped.

For two months since the agreement Britain and France had done nothing about getting out and the way to solve the situation was for their troops to withdraw.

Rejecting Stettinius' proposal, Vishinsky said that the council, "can not be an indifferent observer of violations of the sovereignty of two members of the UNO."

"Neither Syria nor Lebanon has asked for British and French troops," he said.

"In fact, they are asking that they be withdrawn. Against whom are your troops to be used? I understand the British troops were sent there to be used against the French and that French troops are being kept there to be used against the British. That is a new turn in the vocabulary of international law."

Vishinsky cited a speech once made by Gen. Charles de Gaulle charging that the British were trying to push the French out of the Middle East especially to get them out of the Mosul oil fields, oil refinery areas and railroads.

Bidault replied sharply that French policy remained unchanged and that it was none of his or the council's business.

Syria and Lebanon charge that the British and French troops infringe their sovereignty, that "some of these troops" in the past have been a threat to peace and security, and that the British-French agreement of December was "inconsistent with the spirit and letter of the UNO charter."

British delegate, Sir Alexander Cadogan, later said that at the request of Syria and Lebanon Britain agreed not to remove her troops until the French left.

Stettinius said that:

"The general policy of the United States is to support and encourage the rapid withdrawal of foreign troops from any state if that state desires it. I express the hope of the United States government that the demand for early withdrawal of foreign troops from Syria and Lebanon will be satisfactorily met."

## Poland Asks Britain Dissolve Exile Army

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The British Government announced today it had received a note from Poland demanding dissolution of 200,000 Polish forces serving under the British command, and instructing Poles to report to Polish consulates for permission to return to their homeland.

# National Committee Urges Fight for Negro Job Rights

The need for higher tempo in labor's struggle for Negro rights and Party building among the Negro people occupied the late afternoon session of the Communist Party's National Committee Thursday.

This was emphasized in the report of John Williamson, organizational secretary, and in a special report by Henry Winston, World War II veteran and secretary of the National Negro Commission of the Communist Party.

Williamson spoke of the need to "recognize that the Browderite policies had some of their most disastrous effects in weakening our traditional fighting bond with the Negro people."

"Today," he emphasized, "we can only overcome this serious situation if we adopt a broad mass policy, if the Party dramatizes its fighting leadership by taking up locally and nationally in a hundredfold more energetic way the struggle for Negro rights; if we create a general vigilance against the covered forms of white chauvinism that have penetrated our ranks, and lastly involving a larger number of Negro comrades in all phases of the operative leadership in the Party."

Henry Winston, in a detailed report, cited numerous examples of the big offensive by Big Business against the Negro people. Among these were the more than half million Negro workers laid off in aircraft, munitions and ordinance plants, particularly in the South. He emphasized efforts underway to drive Negroes back to the land and women into domestic service.

Warning of the drive to get Negro women out of industry, he assailed government cooperation with employers to assign Negroes to menial jobs.

With regard to FEPC, Winston said "here is the use of the machinery of government to wipe out the gains of Negro workers."

In view of the exodus of Negro workers from war plants, and inasmuch as the perspective is one of crisis, not prosperity, Winston stated that "gains won during the war by Negro workers are faced with utter extinction."

While critical of the Truman Administration, speakers noted that the Republican Party is taking advantage of the dissatisfaction among the Negro people to try and regain their former status among the Negro people.

Arnold Johnson, Ohio State secretary, spoke of the need for closing the gap between the Party's influence and its organizational results. "We continue to have tremendous influence," he said, "as far as any demonstrative forms of support shows. At the same time we

do not perform that independent role of actually conducting mass struggles upon specific issues."

Josh Lawrence, NLU leader, and chairman of the National Negro commission said, it was still necessary to take up the fight for adjusted seniority for Negroes. He added that FEPC was an issue labor must fight until it is won.

## ADJUSTED SENIORITY

Returning from a recent tour of the midwest, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, reported a need for "wide-spread knowledge in the Party on the problems of the Negro people, the fight for adjustments on seniority, for renewing the crusading spirit in the fight for Negro rights."

Davis said the precedent for seniority was set about eight years ago under the leadership of Mike Quill and the Transport Workers Union, when it placed Negro drivers on the Fifth Avenue buses.

Davis scathingly assailed Trotskyites and Social Democrats who throughout the country are "focusing attention on the Negro question hoping to disrupt our Party and attempting to pose as a working class force." He singled out A. Phillip Randolph, "Dubinsky's boy," as "the bridge between the Democrat and Republican parties and the Negro people."

William Patterson, legislative director of the Illinois-Indiana district, urged greater attention to the South "where the national liberation struggles of the Negro people in full alliance with the poor whites are yet to be fought out." He outlined a program of state and federal projects to take up the slack made by the closing of munition and other plants in the South.

Claudia Jones, member of the editorial board of the Daily Worker, urged a stronger fight against white chauvinism, which "must be reflected in our press, theoretical organs and above all in struggle. We must win greater gains, greater victories."

Other speakers on party building among the Negro people and on the struggle for Negro rights, included James W. Ford, member of the Review and Cadre Commission, Robert Minor, Southern editor of the Daily Worker, and Nat Ross, Southern Representative of the National Committee.

The discussion concluded with agreement to issue a draft resolution on the question and a discussion bulletin to the party, and to hold a further discussion at the next National Committee meeting.

# Vets Are on the Move, National Committee Hears

The anti-labor drive among vets has failed and returning GIs are in the forefront of current strikes, Saul Wellman, chairman of the veterans commission of the Communist Party told the national committee yesterday. In the third day of its meeting, the national committee also discussed the 1946 elections, trade unions, and youth problems.

Throughout the discussion the perspective of a great Party building drive was reflected. The aim—20,000 new members between March 15 and June 1 was recognized as a goal which could be reached in view of the great possibilities pictured among Negroes, veterans, youth and trade unionists.

Wellman welcomed Communist veterans in behalf of the National Committee. He urged that state and local organizations of the Party give leadership to struggles for veterans' needs.

Thirty percent of recent recruits are veterans, Wellman reported and there are tremendous possibilities for Party building among veterans if local Party organizations actively identify themselves with vet problems.

## VETS ON THE MOVE

He described recent militant action by ex-servicemen. Many state-wide actions have taken place, he said, including large delegations to capitals to demand state bonuses, housing and unemployment compensation for striking vets.

"Common in all these action was the very deep impression these vet delegations made on state legislators," said Wellman.

The majority of returning GIs who join veterans' organizations are continuing the trend toward the American Legion and VFW, he said. There is a sharp difference between the brass hat leadership of the old vet organizations and the rank and file. He cited the support given striking unions by posts of the Legion and VFW. In Bloomfield, the Legion post walked at the head of the first-day strike pa-

rade of the UE workers.

Dave Davis, Philadelphia union leader, discussed the positive role of veterans in the strike movements and described how the vet march on Harrisburg had won unemployment compensation for striking vets. As a result, these veterans have learned the value of mass pressure. He commended the series of articles on Marxism in the Daily Worker, which, he said, were widely read by non-Communist workers.

Ned Sparks, California, spoke on the need for an ideological struggle on the cultural front. He welcomed the Daily Worker article on this subject.

Joseph North, editor of the New Masses, said the struggle against Browderism must be undertaken also on the cultural front. On this front, as on others, the Party must play its independent role, he declared.

## NEGRO WORKERS IN CRISIS

Steve Nelson, chairman of the national groups commission, criticized the theory that national groups are playing a progressively less important role in American life. He pointed out that 30,000,000 American workers are foreign-born, read journals printed in their native tongue, and are influenced by events in the country of their birth. They have a tremendous part to play in the movement for peace and democracy, he said, and warned that they are courted by reactionary politicians for reactionary aims.

Josh Lawrence, NLU leader and chairman of the Negro commission of the Party, discussed the efforts of the shipowners to destroy the unity of the maritime workers by using careerists and adventurers

who had wormed their way into the Party. He said Communist trade unionists are always ready for the broadest unity with all forces in the unions on a minimum program that will advance the interests of the membership.

## NEGRO-WHITE STRIKE UNITY

A leader of the Chicago packing-house workers said the recent strike had consolidated Negro-white unity in the stockyards and exposed the old myth of Negroes as strike-breakers. He said that the union had demanded that farmers' representatives be permitted to attend negotiations between the union and the packers, but that the packers had refused.

The packing workers will not be satisfied with wage increases if prices are increased, he said. He quoted a worker, who said, "It won't help if the government puts one buck in my pocket and takes out two."

Alexander Trachtenberg described his visit with William Z. Foster to Cuba, where they attended the convention of the People's Socialist Party, the Communist Party of Cuba. In 1939, the Party became legal after 15 years underground. It has a membership of 150,000 who register formally as Communist, and 15,000 actives, he said.

Blas Roca, general secretary of the Party, made a brilliant report, he said, devoting considerable self-critical attention to mistakes made by the Party as a result of Browder's revisionism. The Cuban Communists consider they have a serious problem in the struggle against Browderism, he said, but he was confident they are solving it.

## Government Kills Charges Against Lt. Roth

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The Justice Department today dropped its case against former naval Lt. Andrew Roth, one of three persons charged with stealing government records by a Federal Grand Jury here last summer.

## OPA Slams Ford II; Chip Off Old Block

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The OPA said today that Henry Ford II apparently is united with "the few selfish groups that have worked continuously to undermine the American people's bulwark against inflation."

## Poles Protest Allied Aid to Anders

The Polish Press Agency said today in a Warsaw dispatch that thousands of workers had demonstrated in the Polish capital against British and American sanction of Gen. Wladyslaw Anders as commander of Polish armed forces.

## UE Head Sees Strike Lasting 3 Months

Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, yesterday told an organizing luncheon of the National Citizens Committee to Aid Strikers' Families that the UE strike at General Electric and Westinghouse plants would "continue two or three months longer."

He said Westinghouse has made no moves to settle at all and that he expected a new but unacceptable offer of nine or 10 cents for women from GE.

He criticized President Truman's wage-price formula as dissipating wage victories.



# Truman Sets Pay Lid, Frees Prices

The President's new wage-price order restores wartime procedure under which wage increases had to be submitted for approval to stabilization authorities.

Wages are frozen since raises can only be as high as 33 percent over January, 1941, the increase in the cost of living according to the much criticized government's index remains the basis of calculation.

Provisions are made for price increases to go into effect immediately when wage raises are granted.

Here is how the President's order shapes up:

1. Under the wage-price order that operated until now, wage raises were controlled only through the government's regulation of price ceilings. An employer was given price "relief" only in cases where he did not go beyond the 33 percent

cost-of-living index. Now both wage and price increases must be submitted for approval.

2. Formerly, an employer had a claim on price "relief" only after a six-month test of production costs. Now, says the President, the administrator "shall promptly provide for adjustment of price ceilings in any case in which he finds that an industry is in a position of

hardship as a consequence of an approved increase in wages."

The employer is to be assured a profit earned by the industry "in the peacetime base period" (1936-39 average). There is no provision for shaving down excessive profits to 1936-39 levels.

3. The Stabilization Administrator shall establish the "general" standards in industries which would serve as limits for wage raises. The "general pattern of wage and salary adjustments" will range from 15 to 20 percent as provided in the steel, auto, electrical and packing fact-finding recommendations and settlements. Thus the President rejects labor's thesis that wages must be brought up to cost-of-living in-

creases and profits brought down to peacetime levels. He preserves the present wage-price relationship.

4. Exceptions to eliminate "gross inequities as between related industries, plants or job classifications, to correct substandards of living" are also provided. The basis for cost of living computation and the relation of wages to it, is the period "from January, 1941, to September, 1945."

5. The Stabilization Administrator may name industries where approval for wage raises may not be required because the effect upon prices would be negligible.

6. The Stabilization Administrator "shall have authority to provide by regulation that wage or salary

increases of a particular class shall be unlawful unless made with the prior approval of the board."

On the other hand, those wage raises that have already been granted since V-J Day "shall be deemed to have been approved within the meaning of this order, and may be taken into account as a basis for increasing rent or price ceilings." Thus, the six-month waiting period that applied under the former order is retroactively canceled.

7. The President specifies that "all arbitration awards, and all recommendations of publicly-appointed fact-finding panels, with respect to wage and salary issues, shall conform with the standards of this order."



**Fighters Against Peron:** Candidates of the Democratic Union in Argentina against dictator Juan Peron are Dr. Jose P. Tamborini (left) and Enrique M. Mosca, who are running for president and vice-president, respectively. People standing in front of the posters are part of a crowd of 300,000 at a Buenos Aires election rally.

## Labor's Vote in Peril--Marcantonio

Congressman Vito Marcantonio yesterday warned against a new move in the Senate to deprive labor areas of the right to full representation in Congress. The move, he revealed, is a proposed amendment to the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which would exclude aliens from being counted as part of the population upon which representation in Congress is based.

The author of the proposal is Sen. Arthur Capper, Republican from Kansas.

Because aliens for the most part tend to settle in industrial communities, said Marcantonio who was interviewed at his New York headquarters, the aim of the reactionaries obviously is to cut down the number of Congressmen. Thereby they eliminate the danger of progressives who will fight for labor's rights.

Marcantonio said Capper and the others may trip themselves up on this proposal, if progressives keep their eyes on the ball.

"I am going to insist upon real enforcement of the 14th Amendment," said the New York labor Congressman. "It packs a whale of a weapon against politax practice."

Picking up a copy of the U. S. Constitution, Marcantonio read: "... when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors

### MEMO:

Because of technical difficulties our sports coverage today has been reduced. Page 10 today contains additional general news.

for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a state, or the members of such state, being 21 years of age and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens 21 years of age in such state."

Marcantonio smiled grimly and added: "Maybe Rankin wouldn't be heard in the halls of Congress if that were enforced."

## Labor Warns Truman Policy Inflationary

Labor leaders joined in attacking President Truman's wage-price policy yesterday. AFL president William Green described the policy as "unsatisfactory and unacceptable. R. J. Thomas, president of the United Auto Workers, and Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the United Electrical Workers, two of the CIO's Big Three unions, were critical. Thomas said he did not think the new formula was "any policy at all." Fitzgerald said it would lead to price increases that would dissipate raises won by labor.

Albert J. Hayes, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists, denounced the policy, and predicted that under it "labor is in for a trimming."

At his press conference yesterday, President Truman virtually admitted that his new order opened the way for inflation. When asked whether he had established a new line on prices, he replied, "No, it is a bulge in the old line. If you all cooperate with me, there will be no break-through."

### PROMISE STEEL \$5 STEAL

Earlier President Truman said that a steel price increase averaging \$5 a ton will be granted once the steel strike is settled, but that he did not know "what was holding up a settlement."

Representatives of the U. S. Steel Corp. and the CIO United Steelworkers resumed negotiations at 5:15 p.m. today.

The negotiation session lasted an hour, after which CIO president Philip Murray told reporters he expected to be called back later in the evening by John A. Stephens, vice president of the U. S. Steel Corp. Murray said retroactivity was the only major issue in dispute.

Mr. Truman was evasive about the scope of authority as between Chester Bowles, new Stabilization Administrator, and Reconversion Chief John W. Snyder under the new wage-price policy.

### IGNORED AFL AND CIO

He pointed out that Bowles would be in Snyder's office, then said that if any serious argument developed between the two men it would be up to the President to settle it. He said he had not consulted with

AFL President William Green or Murray about the new policy, but he believed they would cooperate because it would be in their interest to do so.

Congressional reaction varied, generally following party lines.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) said he did not think the policy would solve all economic ills, "but I think it's a very good policy; it's going in the right direction."

Green was emphatic in opposing the policy.

"It constitutes a backward step—a return to wartime economic conditions," he said.

"It establishes wage-fixing by government and strikes a body-blow at free collective bargaining." No employer will be willing to bargain collectively with a labor union under the restrictions imposed by the new policy. We realize that the government faced a serious difficulty in seeking to promote full production while wage and price disputes disrupted production.

"But the new policy is no solution. It will only serve to increase confusion and multiply the nation's troubles. We fear it will also create widespread social, industrial and economic discontent and upheaval."

Thomas commented in Detroit: "They could have figured out that policy in 30 minutes instead of 30 days."

### TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

He asserted that "many manufacturers have been waiting for this announcement," and added that strikes would not have lasted so long if the announcement had been made a long time ago.

Fitzgerald, addressing a luncheon

at the Hotel Commodore in New York to aid strike relief, charged that under the new policy "the gains we make will be dissipated in the raising cost of living."

Hayes said the formula indicated that "things are all set for holding wages below a ceiling and permitting prices to continue to rise."

"If the program is administered as wage stabilization and price control were during the war, it is going to create still more inequalities and reduce the purchasing value of the earned dollar," the IAM leader said.

### RECALLS "LITTLE STEEL"

He said the new formula was just another Little Steel formula substituting percentages "which will put wages still more out of step with prices." Labor now won't have overtime to make up for the inequities as in wartime, he noted.

"If the policy sets a national wage pattern and then approves price relief without a trial period, it means we are willing to accept inflation," he said.

"We don't know what kind of teeth the government is planning to enforce this policy. But you can be sure that they will get NO no-strike pledge to back it up as during the war."

### Correction

The headline on yesterday's report of the session of the National Committee of the Communist Party, wrongly attributed the decision on recruiting to the C.P. Board. The action actually was taken by the National Committee.

## City Keeps 50,000 Kids on Misery Dole

The city relief budget is cut so fine "that there is simply no provision for decent human living," Charlotte Carr, head of the Citizens' Committee on Children, told Budget Director Thomas J. Patterson at a hearing yesterday.

Nearly 50,000 children must survive on so low a scale that malnutrition and delinquency are only too frequent, Miss Carr said. The committee endorsed proposed increases, but termed them "much too small a step in terms of human need."

"Does the public know," she asked, "that this increased budget does not provide such basic things as the morning newspaper, carfare to Coney Island on a hot day, stamps, writing paper, phone calls, a dime for the church collection plate or money for an occasional movie?"

"Are the other more fortunate fathers and mothers in New York City aware of these many thousands of children living in their midst, playing with their children, who can not receive a present on their birthdays or ask a neighbor's

child in for a cookie treat after school?"

A study of 600 children brought before Children's Court, Miss Carr cited, revealed that 64 percent of them come from families dependent upon some kind of public assistance and an additional six percent from families with no known source of income.

"The Bureau of Child Guidance has repeatedly reported," Miss Carr said, "that a large number of the children, whose behavior problems it is attempting to handle, come from broken, low-income homes

where the struggle for existence is brutally difficult.

"With all this evidence of shattered lives before us, we must ask ourselves are these budgets even wise economically? The public must face the fact that in the long run the cost to the City of New York is much more in terms of attendance officers, judges, homes for the delinquent and for those broken in mind and spirit, of prisons—of vast human wastage—than had our children been provided for decently and properly in the first place."



# LaGuardia Endorses Johannes Steel

Former Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia yesterday called for the election of Johannes Steel, American Labor Party candidate in the 19th Congressional by-election, as the man who can think clearly and expresses his ideas "admirably."

The former Mayor pointed out that if he were a resident of the congressional district, "I would vote for Johannes Steel." LaGuardia's endorsement is the second from a top-ranking national figure supporting the Roosevelt program. Last week Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace came out for Steel.

The LaGuardia statement was released by author Carl Van Doren through the New York Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Van Doren is chairman of the committee. LaGuardia has just been elected a vice-president of the national Independent Citizens Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

LaGuardia said he was "happy that the ALP has diverted from its rubber stamping of candidates from Tammany and is presenting candidates who measure up to the standard expected of an independent liberal party."

LaGuardia's full statement was: "If I were a resident of the 19th Congressional District I would vote for Johannes Steel. It is not only voting right that we need in Congress in these troublesome and important days but thinking right and the ability to express an idea. That Johannes can do admirably."

"Personally I am happy that the ALP has diverted from its rubber stamping of candidates from Tammany and is presenting candidates who measure up to the standard expected from an independent liberal party. It sort of makes up for some of the terrible endorsements by the ALP in the five boroughs on the last election."

The former Mayor's prestige in the 19th Congressional District is extremely high. When he ran in 1937 and 1941, he carried the area even though it is considered overwhelmingly Democratic.

In 1937, he received a total of 54,442 votes as compared to 50,789 for the Democrats. In 1941, his total vote was 51,918 compared with 49,881 for the Democrats. Ordinarily the Democrats get close to 60 percent of the vote.

## OPA Allows Another Hike-Blankets Now

The OPA has granted another boost hitting at poor folks' standards, an item hidden on the financial pages revealed today. This time it's up to 15 percent for certain cotton textile items including the cheap, 25-percent wool blankets.

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## Here's Where to Go To Help J. Steel Win

Here are the American Labor Party club headquarters in the 19th Congressional District from which the Steel campaign is being conducted. You can report to any one of them today, tomorrow and all day, Monday evening and all day Tuesday.

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1 and 2 West	166 Thompson St.
2 East	22 Market St.
4 South	158 Rivington St.
6 South	93 Ave. B.
6 North	359 Second Ave.

## Tammany Loses 2d Try to Bar J. Steel

The Tammany move to bar Johannes Steel from the 19th Congressional District race failed again yesterday.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court unanimously upheld Supreme Court Justice William Hecht, Jr., who Monday denied the application of the Democratic Party to rule Steel off the ballot on a technicality.

It was doubtful yesterday whether the Democrats would have time to appeal the decision again, this time to the Court of Appeals. The election takes place Tuesday.

## Rabbi Hillel Weiss Backs J. Steel

American Labor Party headquarters announced yesterday that Rabbi Hillel Weiss, principal of the largest Jewish Yeshiva on the east side, the Joseph Jacob Yeshiva, had endorsed Steel.

The Day, influential Jewish newspaper, yesterday carried a six-column story on the Steel candidacy by its labor editor, S. Zuckerman, which characterized Steel as the first to warn the English-speaking world of the wangers of Hitlerism to all humanity.

## Nickels and Dimes

F. W. Woolworth rang up net profits in 1945 of \$23,587,269, as compared with \$22,819,113 the year before.

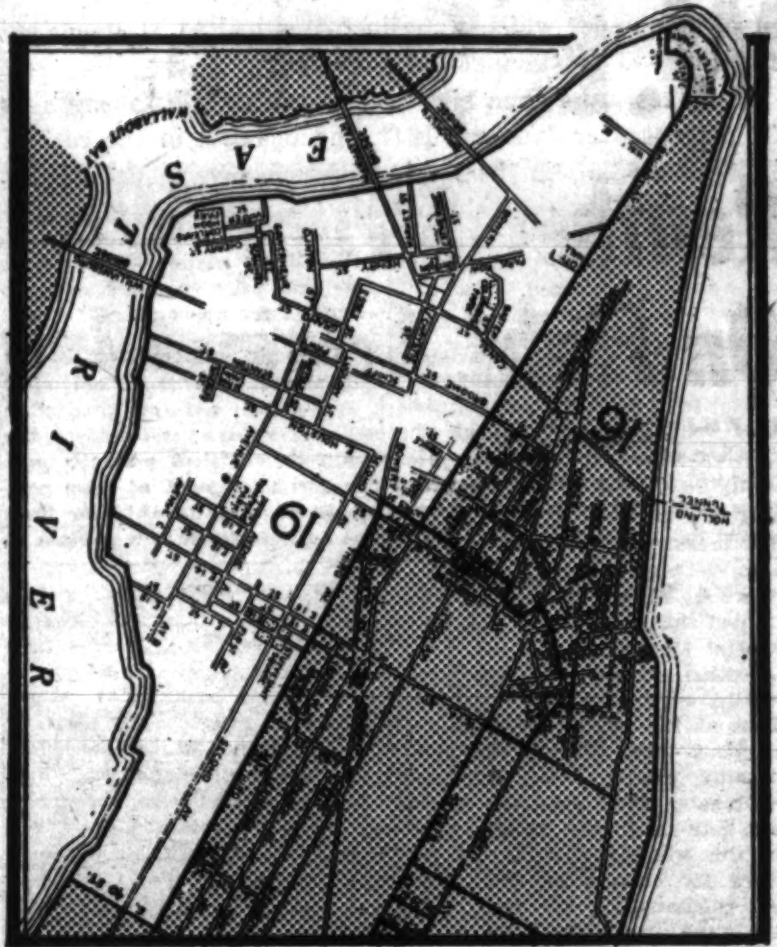
## Aid Europe Union Jews

The Trade Union Committee for Jewish Unity has launched a campaign for \$100,000 to bring immediate aid to Jewish laborites in Poland, Romania, France and other countries, Max Steinberg, secretary, announced yesterday.

The committee will also carry on a drive for the deportation of the white guard anti-Soviet Gen. Denikin. Petitions will be circulated demanding his deportation. Other methods will also be used.

Plans for these and other activities were made at an enlarged executive board meeting early this week at which Steinberg was elected secretary.

The meeting decided to send a trade union delegation of American Jewish workers to visit Poland and other European countries to determine relief needs.



19th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

# Week-End Effort Can Put J. Steel In, ALP Leaders Say

Fifty to 60 percent of the voters in the 19th Congressional District have been visited by election workers for Johannes Steel, American Labor Party leaders estimated yesterday. Steel is running for Congress in next Tuesday's by-election. ALP leaders added

that if canvassers can reach the other half in the few days remaining, and recanvass those who have agreed to back Steel, they can carry the district.

Several leaders said that tomorrow will tell the story. If they can get 1,000 workers into the district who will do a job, they believe the election will be won—provided they can guard against its being stolen on Tuesday.

Democratic leaders, frightened by the response Steel is getting, are putting on a nasty high-pressure campaign. The district is normally overwhelmingly Democratic.

They have ordered a reprint of 100,000 copies of an editorial in Hearst's Mirror Thursday attacking Steel in red-baiting and alien-baiting terms. The editorial quoted freely from the anti-Soviet, red-baiting Social Democratic New Leader.

### RALLY JAMMED

Over 2,000 jammed the National Theatre Night of Stars rally for Steel Thursday night.

The theatre owner called it one of the largest meetings ever held on the East Side. The theatre normally holds 1,500, and many hundreds were turned away after the

Fire Department ordered the doors closed.

Tammany leaders had brought pressure to bear on the theatre owners to have the meeting cancelled, according to ALP leaders.

The spirited response of the audience to speeches by Steel, Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Councilman Eugene P. Connolly and Sam Jaffe, theatre producer, indicated sharp awareness that the Truman Administration had departed from the policies of the late President Roosevelt.

Rep. Marcantonio charged that the Administration, elected because FDR was the standard-bearer, had failed to follow the path laid down by the late President, particularly in foreign policy.

The election of Steel, he maintained, would serve notice an Administration and Democratic leaders that the people know this and want a return to Roosevelt. He claimed this would tend to check Truman's course and help to put it back on the path charted by FDR.

The ALP Congressman said the political conditions for a Steel victory were ripe in that the majority of voters in the district were with

him on his program. But, he insisted, this can be turned into votes only by intensive work.

### BIG VOTE EXPECTED

A high turnout of voters is expected next Tuesday. Estimates run as high as 35,000 of the 80,000 registered voters, an extraordinary proportion for a by-election.

ALP leaders believe they will need 15,000 votes to make victory fairly certain.

According to ALP leaders, if everyone who has promised to vote for Steel does so, he will win. But, they emphasize, those promises have to be turned into votes by canvassers in the next few days.

## Pearl Harbor Report Due by June 1

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—Sen. Alben W. Barkley, chairman of the Congressional Pearl Harbor inquiry, said today his committee plans to wind up public hearings next Wednesday and present its report by June 1.

Barkley announced he will ask Congress to extend the inquiry deadline to June 1, but that all "present prospective witnesses" would be heard by Wednesday.

# Churches Hit Anti-Semitic Rankin Prober

In protest against anti-Semitic statements by an investigator for the House Un-American Committee, the Greater New York Federation of Churches yesterday called on New York Congressmen to work for the committee's dissolution.

The Federation told the Congressmen:

"We have viewed with alarm the continuous interference by this Committee with the freedoms of our citizens as evidenced most recently by its . . . questioning of the right of the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism to circulate a petition urging Congress to adopt legislation condemning anti-Semitism and racism."

"But we are moved to indignation by the evidence submitted to us that Mr. Nicklas, an investigator

for the Committee, in the presence of its chief counsel, Ernie Adamson, said to Prof. Clyde Miller, of Teachers College, Columbia University: 'You should tell your Jewish friends that the Jews in Germany stuck their necks out too far and Hitler took good care of them and that the same thing will happen here unless they watch their steps.'"

The Federation charged that such a statement, made by an employee of the United States, "outrages American and Christian principles."

It called on New York Congress-

men to sign discharge petition No. 12, which asks reconsideration of the House action in creating the

Committee, and on all citizens of goodwill to register their indignation to their Congressmen.

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# Bloomfield Plant Still Sealed; W.E. Strikers Also Defy Injunction

## Reuther Struck Wordless On Fight Against Injunctions

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Striking CIO members in Bloomfield, N. J., and Pittsburgh are fighting court injunctions limiting picketing, but here in Detroit Walter P. Reuther, vice president of the CIO United Auto Workers, says not even a word of protest against three injunctions granted this week by the courts to General Motors.

Reuther, whose press statements usually come fast and furious, is silent at the face of sweeping injunctions that almost decimate picketing except 15 feet from the plant gate. Even then only six at each gate are allowed. Reuther during this whole GM strike has not called for mass picket lines that kept thousands of GM workers active in the strike of 1937. Today one can go on some GM lines and only find pickets at certain hours.

The UAW has a test case under way against the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission refusal to give benefits to war veterans, off the job because of strikes.

August J. Golas, Detroit Diesel

GM plant veteran, whose application for compensation was denied in contesting the rule. Ned Smokler, UAW attorney, is contending that Golas is unemployed not because of the strike but because GM refuses to bargain collectively, refuses to comply with the National Labor Relations Act, is unable to obtain materials for production and is unwilling to produce cars at OPA prices.

Meanwhile at the state capital in Lansing, legislators began debate on disposition of \$50,000,000 set aside during the war for vets.

Republicans, in control in both houses, support a Nebraska plan, proposed by Gov. Kelly which would keep the money in a trust fund and apply only the interest, amounting to a million dollars, to be used for veterans' emergency needs.

CIO legislators are, fighting this

proposal, demanding a referendum on a \$500 state bonus for each veteran this fall. Republicans say that if there is such a referendum, only those paying property taxes will be able to vote.

Leaders of the Amvets, the American Veterans Committee, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are supporting the Nebraska plan. Some of the Amvets and AVC leaders attended the recent CIO vets conference where a state bonus was unanimously recommended. Now they side with the GOP machine three days later.

### UE Delays Pittsburgh Injunction 3 Weeks

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15.—A legal battle by the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers has held a Westinghouse Electrical Corp. application for an injunction against mass picketing up in the courts for three weeks. Hearings are continuing.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 15.—Unions in two nearby cities defied court bans on mass picketing today, and the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers charged the Republican and Democratic machines were cooperating with employers in use of the courts.

In Kearney, N. J., more than 1,000 striking Western Electric Co. workers defied a Chancery Court order and kept people from going through the line. James Fitzsimmons, president of the Western Electric Employees Assn., independent union, said: "The rank and file have taken matters into their own hands against union orders for obedience to the court to limit pickets to 65."

In Bloomfield, N. J., several hundred ignored a court ban for the third day by picketing a Westinghouse plant. Plans for observance of Bloomfield Day, next Wednesday proceeded. All organized shops, AFL and CIO, will be asked to take that morning off and march on the picket line in Stamford, Conn., style.

The UE, which is leading the Westinghouse strike, said that picketing would be intensified in Bloomfield next week. Members of the League of Women Shoppers, headed by Mrs. Grace Cowan of Orange, will be on the line Monday, and Tuesday there will be a mass demonstration of veterans, officials reported. All striking UE locals from Jersey City, Newark and other nearby cities will send delegations.

### CHARGE PLOT

James McLeish, UE president in the New York-New Jersey region, charged that a "Hague-Edge assault" on labor's constitutional rights, represented by the injunctions, was prompted by the GE and Westinghouse Corporations. Jersey's Mayor Hague, a Democrat, and Gov. Walter Edge, a Republican, are both using their political influence in collusion with the struck companies, he asserted.

In Jersey City, Hague's appointee, vice-chancellor Kays met secretly with representatives of the Westinghouse Corp. before issuing a temporary injunction banning mass picketing at the company's elevator plant, he declared.

That temporary injunction was issued without a court hearing and without even giving the union an opportunity for a hearing, McLeish said.

When hearings looking toward making the injunction permanent got under way, ex-Sen. John Milton, widely known as a Hague "water



EDGE HAGUE

boy," appeared as Westinghouse counsel.

The hand of the Edge machine was seen operating in Bloomfield, McLeish declared.

### PRESSURED MAYOR

Their Mayor John Reed, a Republican, who had spoken at the opening strike rally pledging support, yielded under pressure from Rep. Fred Hartley, part of the Edge machine. He intervened to request the injunction, then took a company list of persons to be arrested and had them taken into custody, according to the UE chief.

Twelve were arrested. They are now out on bail pending a hearing. Later, under union pressure, Bloomfield authorities dropped the hot potato and declared enforcement of the injunction out of their jurisdiction.

The Bloomfield injunction was handed down by vice-chancellor John O. Bigelow. Bigelow also issued a temporary injunction banning mass picketing at Westinghouse Meter in Newark. Again the union had no opportunity to be heard or to enter objections. He did let the matter come before open court, however. In that action, the vice-chancellor compared UE strikers to Nazi storm troopers.

## White Collar Vet Finds It Rugged

But His Union Is Twice as Strong and Raring to Go

By BETH McHENRY

John J. Stanley, national secretary-treasurer of the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, probably holds the veterans' record for getting back on the job in a hurry.

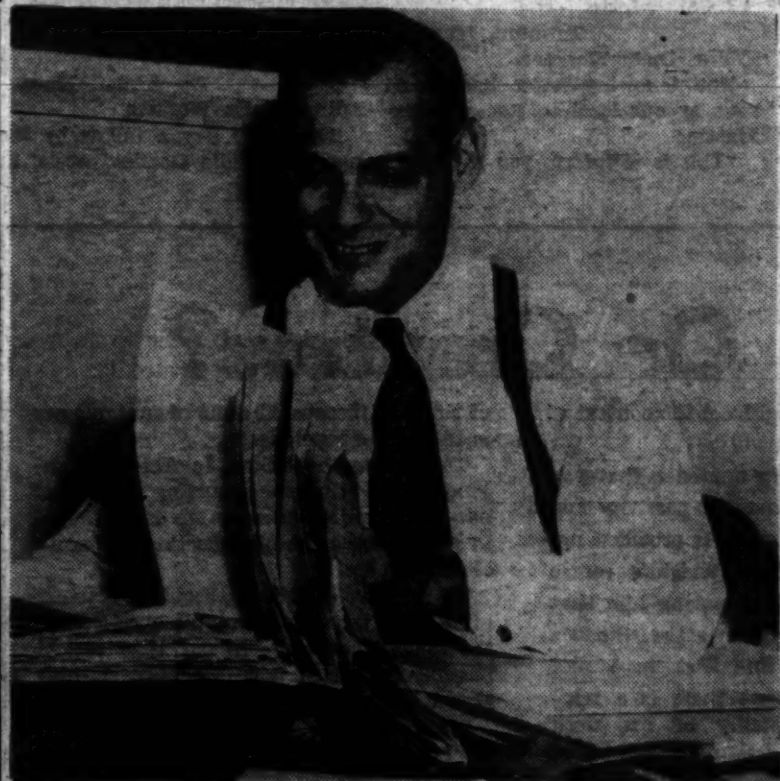
Stanley, "separated" from the U. S. Army after four years of service, was at a union

meeting on the afternoon of the very day he was released from Fort Dix. At this moment he is on his way to Cleveland to attend the national convention of the UOPWA where the problem of veterans among the white-collar workers will be a big point on the agenda.

John Stanley had two years in the Pacific, on Mindoro in the Philippines, and in New Guinea. He spent 28 days on a Liberty ship coming back to the States.

He thinks the veteran, who's been getting his lumps from the monopolists himself by way of prolonged occupation of friendly countries, is a different guy than the soldier of a year ago.

"Then," John Stanley said, "the Army fellows were ready to be fooled by anti-labor propaganda. Today the veteran, getting back home to find prices out of all proportion to wages and jobs at decent wages practically unavailable, is beginning to sense that organ-



JOHN J. STANLEY

ized labor is about his only friend in the world."

Stanley's having a taste of post-war chaos personally. Back a month, he hasn't yet found a place to call home. Civilian clothes are a problem to him, too.

Not everything that a union vet returns to is bad, however. The UOPWA itself, for instance, is dou-

ble its former size and twice as strong. It is proving itself in the battle for wages. Of course, 60,000 union members is just a tiny fraction of the white-collar workers in the nation—there are 6,000,000 in all—but as Stanley points out, the UOPWA is rising to the great job of organization and wage fights.

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# Change the World

by Mike Gold

**M**OST New York papers agreed there was something "strange, chaotic, confusing, mysterious" (to quote a few headlines) about the sudden shutdown of the city last Tuesday by Mayor O'Dwyer, and I find myself with the confused majority.

Laurence Turner, federal agent in charge of the tugboats seized and operated by the government, asserted that no fuel emergency ever existed. His tugs were supplying the city with more fuel oil than it normally consumed, he claimed.

Two directors of the Port of New York Authority, Austin Tobin and Billings Wilson, told reporters they had prepared plans for bringing in fuel by railroad tank barges and by a flexible oil line through the Holland Tunnel, which they manage.

But there wasn't enough of an emergency for the mayor to consult them, it seems. "We called Monday," said Mr. Wilson, "offering our help, but were told at that time we would be called if our assistance were needed." It was never needed.



The New York Times is not my favorite spokesman for American freedom, nor can one trust its facts; but I cite an editorial of this bankers' sheet that displays the universal confusion:

"The bewildering series of proclamations of emergency and termination of emergency issued by Mayor O'Dwyer has made it clear that one of the shortages from which the people of this city are suffering is that of any clear knowledge of the basic facts regarding the situation."

**Y**ES, few New Yorkers had been aware that any emergency existed. The mayor's sudden decree came at 6 o'clock Monday evening, like a thunderclap out of the blue, the most drastic, dictatorial decree ever forced on the big town.

Every shop, business skyscraper, school, theatre, movie house was shut tight. The big department stores count Feb. 12 as one of their main selling days. They bowed like lionesses whose cubs are threatened. And night club owners wept into their champagne as the millions of sucker dollars vanished. Why, why? everyone asked.

Cops swarmed everywhere. Especially were they on guard in the subways, where they questioned each passenger whether he was traveling on a legal errand.

Trade union halls were shut down. I am told the headquarters of the United Electrical Workers on Fifth Ave. tried to carry on some essential work connected with their national strike. But police called several times and shut them down as non-essential.

All day, too, the radio churned with the histrionics of disaster, shocking the people with official announcements that went like this one:

"The city authorities have learned that rumors are spreading to the effect that an unusual number of people are dying as a result of the emergency."

"This is not true! Don't allow anyone to throw the city into panic! Don't become panicky! The Red Cross Disaster Relief is standing by at all times!"

Etc., etc.—until a poor German exile I know told me she was getting frightened by it all. It reminded her too much of the Berlin radio the day of the Reichstag fire frameup. This was the "emergency" the Nazis faked as a cover under which they seized control of the nation.

**M**AYBE there really was a fuel emergency. Maybe the mayor made a mistake. Maybe the mayor was in the middle of a bad squeeze play by the tugboat

owners, or was fighting his way out of Czar Ryan's bag, or Tammany might have been involved.

Everything is possible; but nobody yet knows. The emergency still remains a mystery.

It was called off in as mysterious a fashion as it had been created. The shutdown lasted a single day. In that time, it was never possible to get in enough fuel to provision the city. And the tugboat strike was not yet settled. Nothing much had happened, but suddenly the mayor revoked his emergency decrees. The shock to the citizenry was as great as the original shutdown.

From first to last, from sudden shutdown to sudden revocation, the whole thing had a phony smell, I say.

We are living in a dangerous time, in a fascist epoch. If they ever try to maneuver us into fascism, they will probably use some such large-scale "emergency" frameup. Therefore, the recent shutdown needs to be sternly investigated. The trade unions of New York, the anti-fascist masses of this great city must find out the truth.

Certainly, the people must demand a democratic voice in such decisions. There must be no room for mystery when an extra-legal group suddenly imposes its dictatorship over the city.

## Letters from Our Readers

### Education Board Racist Is Con-Ed Official

Manhattan, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

In Jan. 30 paper you ran a news item pointing out the opposition of Miss Mary E. Dillon, chairman of the Board of Education, to a Negro on the Board.

If I remember correctly, Miss Dillon is a high official of the Consolidated Edison Co., notorious for the highest rates in the country and for years of discrimination in employment of Negroes, Jews and other groups.

In any event, your news story should have given something of Miss Dillon's background so that she would have been more than just an empty name to your readers.

S. S.

### Quinn Goes Back On Campaign Pledge

Flushing, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Before the elections of last year, Councilman Hugh Quinn announced that he supported the five-cent fare for transportation facilities. In spite of this, at a meeting held in Flushing High School last week of the Queens Transit Committee, which was held to discuss improvements in the transport situation in Queens, Councilman Quinn recommended an increase of the fare to eight cents.

We regard this as the most cynical refutation of campaign pledges, deserving of severe censure.

Mr. Quinn's about-face proposal, far from being of any relief to the small home-owners, would more than outweigh in cost of transportation what they would

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save in real estate taxes; in fact, the only beneficiaries of such a proposal would be the large property owners who, of course, are behind the pressuring for an increased fare.

CHRISTINE FOGELMAN,  
For Flushing Club,  
American Labor Party.

### Union Censures Congressman for FEPC Stand

Taunton, Mass.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The following letter has been sent by our local to Rep. Joseph Martin:

"This is to inform you that our

union membership of Local 204, UERMWA, CIO, of Taunton, Mass., is much concerned about your failure to sign the discharge petition on the FEPC bill.

"We feel that we have been deceived by articles in the local newspapers insinuating that you were in favor of FEPC, only to learn that in fact you are obstructing presentation and passage of the bill in the House of Representatives by your refusal to sign the discharge petition."

"The membership of this local has voted to send you this letter regarding the above bill."  
OWEN MCCARTHY, Pres.,  
HARRY A. COOPER, Treas.

### Strikers Laud Role of Communists

Dorchester, Mass.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The other day a fellow by the name of Eddie Garfield spoke at

our local meeting. He said he was from the Communist Party. Our local is now on strike against the Thompson Wire Company in Dorchester, Mass. We are in the United Steel Workers-CIO.

He gave us such a good speech that we asked him to speak at any union meeting that we have later. We want him to teach a class on the news of the world. When we asked him how knew so much and where he got all the information, he told us from the Daily Worker. So from now on a bunch of boys decided to read your paper all the time.

Aside from the news, the Communists gave us oil for heat, and coffee, and other support. And they also come down and serve dinners. So, we say thanks to you. Keep up the good work for the workers.

JOHNNY W.

### WHICH WAY LEFT-WING LITERATURE?

## 6. Spectators Or Creators?

By SAMUEL SILLEN

In concluding this series I want to emphasize my deep conviction that the line of thinking in the New Masses article by Albert Maltz would not lead to the "strengthening" of the literary left, but rather to its weakening and dissolution. For the collapse of the left literary movement would inevitably proceed from the sapping of its Marxist base.

This base is undermined by minimizing and in the last analysis denying the organic connection between art and the class struggle. Maltz sets up a structure of divisions between art and politics, art and ideology, the artist as artist and the artist as citizen. These divisions are clearly less real in our epoch than in any previous period of history, since the world has never been so sharply class-divided.

The dualism leads to utterly false conclusions. It leads to an unreal distinction between a Trotskyite as a Trotskyite and a Trotskyite as a writer, "the best case in point," as Maltz says, being James T. Farrell.

It leads to a sharp whittling down of the concept of art as a weapon.

It leads to an absolutely complete ignoring of the corrupting influence of bourgeois society today on cultural values, so that the real enemies of culture are in effect shielded and the problem of any

writer today is divorced from the context of social reality.

It leads to a literary approach that can only feed an atmosphere of passivity and withdrawal. The rationale is provided not for challenging Richard Wright's course of development but for assuring him that his "is not the work of an artist who has gone downhill." We find that we cannot tell John Steinbeck that there is a relation between the quality of his work (Grapes of Wrath and Cannery Row) and the deterioration of his social attitudes.

Thus Maltz's line of reasoning removes not only a social base of criticism, but deprives us of a motive force. We become academic spectators of a literary scene, rather than people seeking passionately to create a literature that expresses the life of the people and molds their consciousness. We cease to stand for and to struggle for any special course of literary development. We cease, in short, to be a movement.

"In an epoch of class struggle there is not and cannot be a literature which is not class literature, not tendentious, allegedly non-political," the first All-Union Congress of Soviet Writers was reminded by A. A. Zhdanov in 1934.

"And I think that every one of our Soviet writers can say to any dull-witted bourgeois, to any philistine, to any bourgeois writer who may talk about our literature being tendentious: 'Yes, our Soviet literature is tendentious, and we are proud

of this fact, because the aim of our tendency is to liberate the toilers. . . ."

To liberate the toilers, to free all mankind—this is the one ennobling mission of our time, and the literary left is privileged to participate in it by reflecting the truth of our lives.

To do this effectively requires mastery of literary technique, but all questions of the how of literature in our time cannot possibly be solved until we have securely grasped the why.

We cannot make headway as a literary left if we separate "literary" and "left." That is indeed to fall into a "conflict of conscience."

Maltz's whole approach would lead not only to the dissolution of a literary left wing, but also to the negation of his own great gifts as a writer. Will Maltz probe the depth of his departure from a Marxist conception of literature?

The struggle for correct theory must be as sharp on the cultural front as on the political front, for they are two fronts in a common battle. Capitalism bombards us with its ideas virtually every moment of our lives. We dare not relax our vigilance.

For a progressive culture will flower only if it is deeply rooted in the people, in the forward movement of humanity. The precondition for solving the many-sided problems of the literary left is a solid understanding of the epoch in which we live and the free world we seek to create. This will not automatically solve our problems. But we can proceed to a solution only by refreshing our knowledge and purpose.

### Present Strike Struggles Have New Role

National City, Calif.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Employers have already regarded labor as a commodity and have bought it at its market price just as they have bought mules and pig iron, and the price of those commodities fluctuated according to the demand and supply. When, however, pig iron was not in demand, it was carefully stored in warehouses. But when workers were not in demand, they were turned out on the streets to fend for themselves. They were said to be "unemployed." Pig iron was given greater care than were the workers.

The present wave of strikes is different from the strikes of former years in that they are designed to take labor out of the list of commodities; in that the workers whose labor produces all wealth shall be treated as human beings; in that their interests shall take precedence over the interests of corporation profits and give to unemployed workers at least as much consideration as is given to equipment not in use.

It is well to remember that the corporations that are fighting the union, defying government and ignoring the needs of the people, were business allies of the German cartels and assisted those cartels to place Hitler in power and establish fascism and in their greed for profits and power they would establish fascism in this country. FRANK SIMPSON.



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## The Price Robbery

THE President's wage-price order sets a Federal limit upon wage raises. And—it is a short-cut to an increase in prices and the cost of living.

That is the substance of the order. Labor should not be bluffed by some temporary immediate wage concessions that may appear to flow from the President's order.

Labor has been demanding the right to free collective bargaining, an end to all wage freezing and continued and effective control of prices.

The President's order decrees a return of collective bargaining under government supervision, and a limit on wage raises to the falsely estimated 33 percent rise in the cost of living since January, 1941. It yields to corporation blackmail for price increases.

True, the current strikes may be settled on the basis of the 15 to 20 percent raise pattern being set in steel and auto. But the policy of compensating the employers handsomely through price raises will inevitably force labor to raise new wage demands. Labor will then come up against both the arrogant resistance of the trusts and the government's new wage freezing formula.

The wage raises demanded by the workers today would only make up for their losses brought about by the rise in the cost of living and productive efficiency. The President's order seeks to preserve this condition and safeguard wartime profits. This again forces labor to race with prices just to preserve its standard.

### A False Claim

The President's claim that he is saving the country from inflation is false, because the real danger is in the steady fall of labor's purchasing power.

Mr. Truman also pins on labor the blame for the current holdup in production. He sees the strikes but doesn't say a word of capital's sitdown against the people to force higher prices. The crisis, it would appear from the President's statement, is entirely due to the fact that the current strikes are so solid and the shutdowns so complete.

Nor should anyone be fooled by the "dope" stories on the internal struggle within the administration on the wage-price issue and the shakeup in the stabilization machinery. The new administrators will carry out the President's order, which means just what it says.

The labor movement has never accepted the theory that a worker, like a draft horse, is limited to a quota of oats and may never rise above that level. And no union worthy of its name should regard a wage settlement as in any shape a commitment to support of a price rise as provided in the President's order.

Labor has earned the warm support of the general public precisely because it fought for price control and against the trusts. Unions should turn their strength against price robbery by the steel, auto, electrical, meat and other magnates. Wage increases can and must come out of the fabulous profits.

## Steel to Congress

FORMER Mayor LaGuardia's endorsement of Johannes Steel adds another major member of the old Roosevelt coalition to the backers of the ALP candidate for Congress in the 19th district by-election.

Steel now has the support of Commerce Secretary Wallace, of the CIO, of the Citizens PAC, of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. These were the chief independent groups and individuals behind FDR.

The growing differences between those truly devoted to FDR's policies and the pro-monopoly men who dominate the Truman Administration were dramatized by the Ickes resignation. Because the by-election next Tuesday comes so soon after Ickes' action, it can be transformed into a sharp warning to Truman that the people want a return to FDR's program.

That can be done only through a large vote for Steel and the ALP, who are thoroughly devoted to the Roosevelt program of increasing the purchasing power and the well-being of the people.

The popular Roosevelt-haters and red-baiters, including Hearst's Mirror and the World-Telegram, are therefore lining up solidly to try to defeat Steel.

With only three days left before election, the ALP will need every bit of help it can get from trade unionists and other progressives throughout the city to put its candidate over.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE



Between the Lines

## Stalin's Perspectives

by Joseph Starobin

APART from Joseph Stalin's emphasis that monopoly-capitalism is the breeder of wars and crises, by far the most important news in his speech was the perspective of a gigantic advance in Soviet economy. He projected a plan whereby the Soviet peoples—all of them—would enjoy the highest living standards in the world.

This is even more remarkable than the initial construction of a Socialist economy in the short 13 years before the war. Not only has the Soviet system been proven "more capable of life and more stable than a non-Soviet social system" but it has the ability to plan for the future. Where else, in what other country, can any leader realistically promise such a perspective of plenty and power?

In the USA where the technical potential is so enormous, there's no political leader of capitalism who can set the sights so high.

The upper classes are behaving like a gluttonous Nebuchadnezzar. They sense the handwriting on the wall, while ordinary working people are fearful of what tomorrow will bring.

Even such a self-confident spokesman as Walter Lippmann admits in a recent column that a post-boom collapse is inherent in American economy.

Which brings me to the subject of Lippmann's reaction to Stalin's speech. This gentleman, during the war, was an exponent of the "nuclear alliance" among the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and China, but there's nothing left of that in his column last Tuesday. He hops on Stalin's speech as though it were the long-awaited peg on which to hang his own program for realizing the American Century.

"There is no mystery now about the central purpose of the Soviet Union," he starts off vigorously. (When, pray tell, were there ever any mysteries about Soviet policy?)

What the Russians are out to do is to develop their military potential "against any eventuality," Lippmann argues.

And then he launches into a subtle distortion of what Stalin really said, for he makes it appear that the Soviet leaders are not concerned with the living standards of their people; they are concerned only with military power.

There is no question about the distortion. Stalin speaks plainly on ending all rationing in the near future. He says that "special attention will be focused on the expansion of goods for most consumption, on raising the standard of life of the working people. . . . Naturally, the Soviet Union will certainly expand its military-economic potential at the same time. And why not?"

The best reason, if any reason is needed, lies in Lippmann's own plans. For, using Stalin's plans as an excuse, Lippmann proposes that the United States organize a powerful military bloc of his entire Atlantic orbit, plus China's orbit also, for the purpose of matching the USSR.

He wants to "reinforce, rebuild and modernize the industrial power of western Europe (including Germany?) and to develop the backward parts of Asia (including Japan?)

No matter how great a power the Soviet Union becomes, it will never be aggressive and

never lead to wars. For there is no monopoly-capitalism in the Soviet federation of nations, no quest for markets, no push for export privileges and all that.

But in Lippmann's project of "organizing capitalism"—assuming that this were possible—there is only one main purpose: it is not a friendly competition with the USSR, but an effective, military encirclement of the Soviet Union "for any eventuality."

If there were any doubt about it, a subsequent column on Thursday gives the game away. In arguing against the perfectly legitimate Soviet proposal of a trusteeship over Tripolitania (after all, in what Holy Book is it written that Britain should take over Italy's colonies?) Lippmann admits that the British Empire is too weak to block the USSR.

He does not propose to strengthen Britain directly: he proposes that the United States become a territorial imperialism in the Middle East also! It breaks his heart, but we must simply get into the Near East ourselves!

Stalin proposed an all-round raising of Soviet economic levels, which would in itself strengthen the chances of world peace.

Lippmann attributes an aggressive intention to the USSR which does not exist to put over a project for aggressive expansion by American imperialism in a reactionary interest. It is too true to be good.

## Worth Repeating

Speaking on capitalist economic crises Stalin said: "The basis and cause of economic crises of over-production lie in the very system of capitalist economy. The basis of the crisis lies in the contradiction between the social character of production and the capitalist form of appropriation of the results of production. This basic contradiction of capitalism is expressed in the contradiction between the colossal growth in the productive capacity of capitalism, calculated to secure the maximum of capitalist profit, and the relative reduction of purchasing power of millions of toilers whose standards of living the capitalists are all the time trying to keep within the limits of the lowest possible minimum." — Report to the 16th Congress, CPSU, June, 1930.



# Uruguay Held Stoooge for Vatican

MOSCOW, Feb. 15 (UP).—Konstantin Demidov, commentator for the Soviet official newspaper Pravda, today attacked the recent Uruguayan proposal that the UNO intervene to save Nuernberg war crimes defendants from the death penalty, calling it a "monstrous hypocrisy."

(The Uruguayan motion was withdrawn by its sponsors early this week after hearing from Soviet and Ukrainian delegates.)

Demidov suggested Uruguay's proposal was inspired somewhere in Europe.

"Powerful centers of political cant exist in Europe," he said. "So far, they do not wish voluntarily to yield first place to Uruguay. But they wish to make Uruguay their mainstay on the Security Council, to which they lack access themselves."

"Uruguay's proposal was enthusiastically applauded in Spain, where the Escorial remains a sinister monument to obscurantism

and fanaticism," Demidov continued.

"It was welcomed in the offices of the Osservatore Romano (Vatican City newspaper), where Tartuffe is the editor in chief and Judas is advertising manager." (Tartuffe was the title character of a play by Moliere, seventeenth-century French dramatist, who depicted him as a hypocritical devotee of a Catholic order.)

"Uruguay's proposal was not just child's stupidity, not simply the excuse of a schoolboy from a Catholic parochial institution. It was a calculated reconnaissance effort on the part of a world center of political hypocrisy to blast its way into the UNO."

Pravda said that the "eyes of the

## URUGUAY CP HITS 'SPARE NAZIS' PLEA

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 8 (By Mail).

The Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Uruguay today denounced Uruguay's proposal at UNO that Nazi war criminals be spared the death penalty.

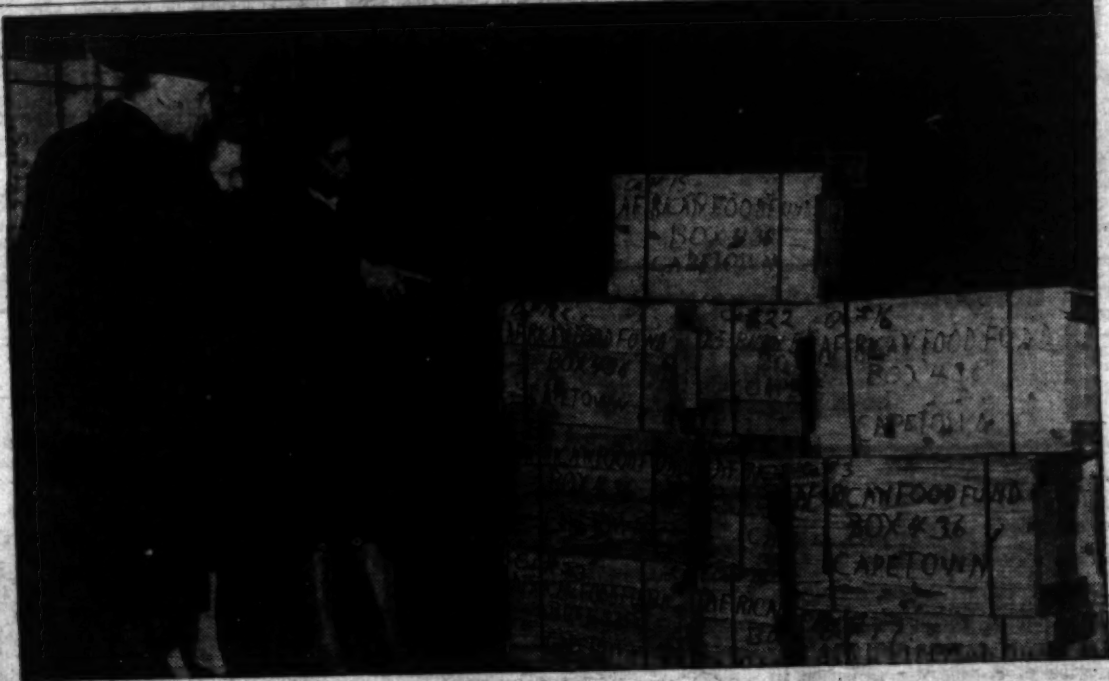
"It is contrary to a foreign policy

of vigorous anti-Nazi orientation and to the traditions of struggle of the Uruguayan people who have repeatedly demanded that the Nazi cannibals, authors of horrible crimes against the free peoples, be severely punished," a statement said.

"This proposition has for its visible objective that of favoring the resurgence of Nazism."

The committee expressed its solidarity with the UNO delegates who rejected this proposition and with the position of the United Nations prosecutors at Nuernberg.

Uruguayan humanitarians were dry when the world was shaken by the groans and tears of the women, children and old men tortured by Goering, Ribbentrop, and other two-legged beasts and mad dogs in human garb. But now the Uruguayan humanitarians are streaming tears when gazing at the mad dogs in Nuernberg. Their megalomania is so great that they wish to make Uruguay a center of world hypocrisy."



**Fighting Famine:** Part of the shipment of food ready to be loaded on the S. S. Escanobar Victory to be sent to the famine victims in South Africa from the Council on African Affairs. Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop of St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Mrs. Nettie R. Brenner and Mrs. Joyce C. Davis, members of the staff of the Council on African Affairs, check over the consignment.

## Famine Hits S. Africa; Government Only Prays

Messages just received from the African Food Fund in Cape Town tell the desperate need for food and funds for famine victims. Dr. Max Yergan, executive director of the Council on African Affairs said yesterday.

Two shipments of canned food and \$1,000 have already been forwarded by the Council to South Africa.

"Your message and help are a great encouragement and very much appreciated by our committee," wrote Mrs. Betty Radford, chairman of the Food Fund.

"What is happening today is merely another stage in the long tragedy resulting from South Africa's Native policy," Mrs. Radford wrote. "The process has been cruelly accentuated by the drought of the past year. What is needed is more than immediate relief—desperately badly as that is needed. It is the fundamental question of the white man's attitude to the African."

"There must be a settled rural

population and a settled urban population. Migratory labor must be ended. Education must be assured to the African people, and technical training and skilled jobs opened to them. That is the only hope, and few white people realize it."

The South African government

several weeks ago asked the nation to pray for relief.

Two shipments of American oats recently left New York, the first such order since the Boer War, Dr. Yergan said. The oats are intended to save the European owned cattle; 60 percent of the cattle owned by Africans has already been lost.

## Bronx Rally on Africa Famine Monday

A Bronx rally to collect food and funds for African famine victims will be held Monday, Feb. 18, at 8:30 p.m., at St. Augustine's Presbyterian Church, 165 St. at Prospect Ave., the Council on African Affairs announced yesterday.

Speakers include Bronx Councilman, Michael Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers; Dr. Max Yergan, Rabbi Jacob Grossman, Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop and Rev. Ben Richardson. The Jefferson Chorus will perform. Donations of canned food are requested.

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Today—Manhattan

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A SWEET EVENING starts at 8:30 p.m. A.Y.D. Senior Division. Brotherhood Month Jamboree presented by Clubs: Tito, Hunts Point, Bataan, Yulin, Roosevelt, Clarity, Action, Challeente, Wallace, Parkchester, Allerton Temple. Dancing and entertainment by "The Tito Players" at the Hunts Point Youth Club, 1029 E. 163 St. (corner Southern Blvd.) Sub. 75c.

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CALLING ALL FRIENDS of Astoria to Valentine Party, Saturday, Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m. Dancing, show, fun galore. 36-47 Steinway St. Adm. 50c. Ausp.: Astoria Youth Club, C.P.

Tomorrow Manhattan

"NEW NOVELS ABOUT THE NEGRO"—A symposium-discussion on "If He Hollers Let Him Go," "The Street" and "Mrs. Palmer's Honey" with Chester Himes, author of "If He Hollers Let Him Go," Earl Conrad, Elizabeth Lawson and Claudia Jones. Including group singing. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16 St., at 8:30 p.m. 50c.

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TEA-SYMPOSIUM. Guest speakers: Dr. Alphaeus Hunter, Councilman Benjamin Davis and Henrietta Buckmaster—Sunday, 4 p.m. Lincoln-Douglass and Ben Davis Clubs, 432 Lenox Ave.

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK—Hear Stretch Johnson (Harlem youth leader) entertainment including Earl Jones from "Strange Fruit" plus other professional and local talent at St. Jude's Church, 10 W. 92 St. Sunday, Feb. 17, 3 p.m. Adm. free. Harriet Tumban Club, C.P.

ALL OUT TO CULTURAL EXHIBIT in honor of Negro History Week. Forum Howard Johnson, Purple Heart vet of World War II and N. Y. County Educational Director will speak. Movie—"The Negro Soldier," dancing, entertainment, refreshments. Sub. 25c. Freedom Road Club, C.P., 702 St. Nicholas Ave. (Eight Ave. Sub. to 145 St.)

Tomorrow Bronx

LECTURE ON NEGRO CULTURE by J. Hicks, Sociologist. 20 E. Kingsbridge Rd. Music, come early, 7 p.m., for an enjoyable evening. Adm. 35c. Kingsbridge Club, C.P.

Tomorrow Brooklyn

YOUTH, VETS, YCLers—Gala Valentine Party—Dance, entertainment, refreshment, prizes—50c. Dave Doran Youth Club, 391 Utica Ave. (Carroll Studio)—Sunday, 8 p.m.

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BROWNVILLE REUNION of YCLers. Washington's Birthday Ball, Thursday night, Feb. 21, Park Plaza, 1530 Park Ave. Music and refreshments. (Near Saratoga). Ausp.: Brownsville Young People's Communist Club.

THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR which was to have been held Feb. 15 at the Home School, 3410 Webb Ave., Bronx, is now postponed because of illness. Watch for our next announcement.

Philadelphia

STRIKE FUND OPEN HOUSE Jamboree, Saturday, Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m., 3820 Mt. Vernon St. Talent, refreshments, dancing. Ausp.: Roba Glass Club.



# State GOP Moves To Put Skids Under Jobless Aid Bill

By MAX GORDON

In an effort to absorb the shock of a collision with labor, state Republican legislative leaders have manipulated introduction of a bill to cut out unemployment insurance to strikers.

The bill is designed to counteract a measure sponsored by the State CIO which would cut out the seven-weeks waiting period now required before a striker can get unemployment insurance in New York State.

The CIO bill is sponsored by American Labor Party Assemblyman Leo Isacson of the Bronx, and State Sen. Paul Fino, also of the Bronx. The GOP measure was introduced by Assemblyman Benjamin Demo, Republican from all-rural Lewis County.

Dewey and State GOP leaders are worried about the Fino-Isacson bill because it is more likely than any other measure to put them in direct collision with the labor movement, and specifically with the 100,000 strikers in the state.

The Governor has been maneuvering desperately to avoid such a collision. There is evidence that he is planning his campaign so as to try to win over at least a section of organized labor. He cannot afford to collide sharply with it.

The GOP tactic is to whip up from behind the scenes a campaign for the Demo bill. That will permit them, they hope, to reject gracefully both "extremes"—giving strikers jobless pay without any waiting period or depriving them of all jobless pay.

Instead of appearing to buck labor out-of-hand, they figure they will emerge as "impartial" by letting the seven-weeks waiting period stand. They will thus have defeated labor's demand with a minimum amount of shock.

It is a clever tactic, but can be beaten if a furious mass campaign for the Fino-Isacson measure is immediately developed, with big delegations of strikers to Albany and to the legislators back home. Unfortunately, that sort of campaign has thus far been lacking.

Democratic leaders have so far shut up on the issue. They have evaded any direct questions as to their stand. Of the party spokesmen in the State Legislature, only Isacson of the American Labor Party has taken a clean-cut position in favor of the wage demands of the strikers.

This issue of unemployment insurance for strikers promises to become one of the hottest of the legislative session, which is to end around March 23.

The battle for jobless pay is a phase of the political counter-offensive of labor in its wage struggles. It is taking place in a number of industrial states throughout the country.

But the national phase—the congressional fight against tax rebates and profits guarantees to the mo-

## Social Agency Removes Bias From Job Form

All questions relating to race, color, creed or national origin have been removed from the application forms of the Social Work Vocation Bureau, the CIO Social Service Employees Union announced yesterday.

Removal of the questions came after the union asked the bureau to comply voluntarily with the State FEPC, from which social agencies have been exempted.

The union said that more than 100 agencies are now abiding voluntarily by FEPC regulations, but much further work has to be done.

"Many agencies," the union stated, "that do employ Negro workers still Jimcrow them in Harlem or other predominantly Negro neighborhoods, and Negro professional workers are assigned only to Negro cases. Discrimination against Jewish workers, while less obvious, is nevertheless still too common."

## Soviet Amity Dinner Feb. 21

Top ranking military and government representatives of the United Nations will attend the George Washington's Birthday and Red Army dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Thursday evening, Feb. 21, under the auspices of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The dinner will be addressed by Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Chief of Staff to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has been nominated by President Truman as Ambassador to the USSR. The Soviet Union will be represented by Nikolai V. Novikov, Polish Ambassador Oscar Lange, Fiorello H. LaGuardia and Corliss Lamont will also appear. Dr. Harlow Shapley will preside.

Military representatives of Great Britain, China, France, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia will be guests of honor.

The Yugoslavian Metropolitan Opera star Zinka Milanov will sing.

## COUNTY CP COMMEMORATES DEATH OF HENRY FORBES

The death of Henry (Hank) Forbes, Communist leader, is being commemorated today by the New York County Committee of the Communist Party.

Forbes fell in line of duty on Feb. 16, 1944, during the battle for the Anzio beachhead.

In paying tribute to Forbes' life and work, County CP executive secretary George Blake said, "We miss him as a leader, and as the warm personal friend so many of us found him to be."

Hank Forbes gave his entire adult life prior to army service to Communist work. He rose from the rank and file to the post of Section Organizer and then Manhattan County Organizer. The CP National

Committee then sent him as District Organizer to the Pittsburgh area.

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# Alvarez Trial in Franco Spain May Be Held by End of Month

HAVANA, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Santiago Alvarez has just received word from Madrid that her husband, former Commissar of the Spanish Republic's Fifth Army, will probably be brought to trial at the end of this month.

Santiago Alvarez and Sebastian Zapirain, former Commissar of the Sixth Army, were captured by Franco authorities last August and summarily condemned to death.

Both have so far been saved from the fascist executioner by world protests. The Cuban Embassy in Madrid has kept in close touch with Alvarez, whose wife and son are Cuban citizens.

Confirmation has been received from France that D. N. Pritt and M. Moro-Glaferi, outstanding British and French labor lawyers, will head an international defense panel at the trial.

## Aids USSR Book Drive

Judge Anna M. Kross yesterday urged American Jews to contribute books in English, Hebrew and Yiddish to restock looted libraries in the Soviet Union. She is co-chairman of the Jewish Committee for Books for Russia, 5 Cedar St., New York 5.

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# Chilean Paper Questions U. S. Aims on Fascists

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 15.—In a full page editorial yesterday, El Siglo, Communist daily, criticized U. S. motives in issuing the Blue Book against the Argentine military regime. The editorial said in part:

## Byrnes Mum on Churchill Talk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today doubted whether he would be able to accept the invitation of Winston Churchill to fly to Miami Beach tomorrow for a purely social visit.

He denied that the proposed journey has any international significance.

Asked whether he was aware of reports that Churchill, in a speech in Fulton, Mo. on March 5, would propose an Anglo-American military alliance and a western bloc to neutralize the USSR, Byrnes said he had no such information. President Truman will accompany Churchill to Fulton.

At his press conference, Byrnes also said:

1. The Soviet Union had not accepted the U. S. invitation to attend a preliminary conference on trade this spring, but the conference will go on anyway.
2. There were no new developments in discussions among this country, Great Britain and France on a possible break in relations with Spain.
3. The United States still wants the Dodecanese islands restored to Greece.
4. The United States is still attempting to reconcile American views with those of France on the eventual disposition of the Ruhr and Rhineland.
5. He knew of no preparations for the removal of British and Soviet troops in Iran by the treaty date, March 2.

## Taunton City Council Backs GE Strikers

TAUNTON, Mass., Feb. 15.—The municipal council here unanimously voted full support to CIO strikers at the General Electric plant and pledged to everything possible to bring about an agreement.

Councilmen at the same session declined to act officially on a resolution backing a state legislative proposal to give unemployment insurance to strikers after a four-week wait. All councilmen received individual letters from the CIO requesting approval of this bill and no doubt had complied, Councilman Harold R. Johnston said as the matter was passed over. GE strikers are members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

## Weds Sister-in-Law; Wife Helps MARRIAGE FOLLOWS ANNULMENT IN 24 HRS.

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15 (UP).—Mrs. Margaret Lacasse Neal, who in one day got an annulment of her marriage and then was matron of honor while her ex-husband married her sister, sent them off on their honeymoon today with best wishes.

"I'll do everything in the world possible to help them," she said after granting her husband his freedom, going with him to get the new marriage license and arranging the wedding. "If they are in love enough to make a go of it, then they have my best wishes."

Avantia met with Max D. Neal, 24, and Anita Newkirk, 27, were married last night, nine hours after his marriage to Margaret, 28, was legally ended.

Mrs. Margaret Neal said her husband and younger sister, Anita, met when he came to visit her family before going overseas.

Her husband was attracted instantly, Mrs. Neal said, and began a correspondence with her sister. The wife presently received a letter reading in part:

"I am in love with another girl. Can you give me a divorce?"

"I wrote back and advised him to wait," Mrs. Neal said. "When I met him at the boat Dec. 14 I asked him who the girl was."

"He told me it was my sister. He said he already had asked Anita to marry him and that she said yes."

It took her two months, she said, to decide to give up her husband for her sister.

## U. S., Soviet Scientists Swap Information

Representatives of U. S. and Soviet physicists have initiated a regular exchange of information, it was reported yesterday.

In a cable dated Jan. 4, Prof. Jacob Frenkel of the Leningrad Physics Technical Institute proposed exchange of printed works, international conferences and private meetings.

"We hope that the spirit of hostility and distrust which led to misuses of scientific discoveries for destructive purposes will gradually subside," he wrote, "and that Russian and American scientists will be able to cooperate in their common efforts to improve human life."

In his reply, Dr. Edward U. Condon, president of the American Physical Society, welcomed the proposed cooperation "leading to joint exploration of natural laws for peaceful and constructive purposes."

## Cops Kill 1, Hurt 18 in Singapore

SINGAPORE, Feb. 15 (UP).—One Chinese Communist was killed, another shot and wounded seriously, and 17 more injured in a clash with Malay police on Bras Basah road near British Southeast Asia command headquarters today.

Police opened fire when Chinese Communists, in defiance of a ban on demonstrations, attempted to form a procession, armed, the Communists said, to remind Singapore of Japanese barbarism during the occupation years.

## First Steel Bridge

The first all-steel bridge was built at Glasgow, Mo., in 1878.

## Armstrong's Protege In Ring This Monday

Henry Armstrong will aid and direct Cecil Hudson in the latter's 10-round bout against Joe Curcio, of Newark, N. J., which features the card at the St. Nicholas Rink Monday night. Cecil is Henry's own, he having developed him and prepared him for his various ring wars. As a result, Cecil is much better than the run-of-the-mill fighters.

The Armstrong protege is not new to New York fans, who have seen him perform, and in the Garden, too, where he ran up three straight victories. In his last bout last December, he beat Fritz Zivic, and since then has been 'rolling up a string of victories in the "provinces."

Curcio, too, is known to Garden fans, particularly by the bout he put up with Tony Riccio last fall. A few nights ago he beat Aaron Perry, of Washington.

## Truman OK'd Blue

### Book on Argentina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—President Truman approved the United States "Blue Book" on Argentine-Nazi activities before it was issued Tuesday, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes revealed today.

He emphasized that the document was a publication of the government rather than of Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden. Braden, former Ambassador to Argentina, was accused last night by Argentine Presidential candidate Col. Juan D. Peron of heading an espionage ring in South America while in Buenos Aires.

Peron also charged Braden with using the "Black List" of Argentine firms to extort money from Argentine citizens.

Byrnes reiterated that the United States contemplates taking no action by itself to have Argentina expelled from the United Nations.

## Hoop Favorites Play Tomorrow

Three players who were familiar figures on metropolitan varsity basketball courts will return to the local scene tomorrow night when the Baltimore Bullets face the New York Gothams in an American Basketball League game at St. Nicholas Arena.

They are Hagen Anderson, former New York U. star; Jake Ahearn, ex-St. John's U. dependable, and Ace Abbott, City College favorite. All three are key men in a fast-moving attack built around Stan Stutz, former Rhode Island State standout, and Meyer (Mike) Bloom, ex-Temple Owl skyscraper.

## N.Y. Bar Unanimously Opposes Case Bill

The New York Bar Association unanimously voted to ask defeat of the Case labor disputes bill, passed by the House and now before the Senate.

Action was taken at a meeting Wednesday night after members heard a report from the committee on labor and social security.

The bill, a sweeping attack on the rights of labor, was condemned by the lawyers as poorly drafted and many of its restrictive features were described as undesirable.

The association also opposed legislation calling for compulsory arbitration.

## World's Tongues

There are 2,796 different languages spoken in the world.

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Teentimers Club  
WOR—Prescott Robinson  
WJZ—Tell Me, Doctor  
WABC—Warren Sweeney, News  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—News Reports  
11:05-WABC—Let's Pretend  
WQXR—Opera Arias  
11:15-WOR—Tex Fletcher  
WJZ—Bible Message  
11:30-WJZ—Smilin' Ed McConnell  
WOR—Land of the Lost  
WJZ—Chester Bowles—Talk  
WABC—Billie Burke Show  
WMCA—Saturday Serenade  
WQXR—String Time  
11:45-WJZ—Chet Gaylor, Songs

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News to Consumer Time  
WOR—Hunt of Mystery  
WJZ—Piano Playhouse  
WABC—Theater of Today  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WJZ—Elizabeth Woodward  
12:30-WEAF—To Be Announced  
WOR—News; Answer Man  
WJZ—The American Farmer  
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood  
1:00-WEAF—Farm and Home Hour  
WOR—Man on the Farm  
WJZ—Symphonies for Youth  
WQXR—Grand Central Station  
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
1:15-WMCA—Health Talk  
1:30-WEAF—The Veterans' Adviser  
WOR—Country Fair  
WABC—County Fair  
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy  
1:45-WEAF—The American World  
WJZ—News Reports  
WMCA—Vocal Varieties

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—Harry Slick Orchestra  
WOR—Louis Kaufman  
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera—Strauss' Der Rosenkavalier  
WABC—Of Men and Books  
WMCA—News; This Is Our Town  
WQXR—News; Music  
2:15-WEAF—Radio Reporter  
WOR—One Man's Destiny  
WABC—Adventures in Science  
2:30-WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch  
WOR—Courtney's Record Carnival  
WABC—Columbia Workshop  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—Music of Our Time  
2:45-WEAF—Camp Meeting Choir  
WOR—Columbus Philharmonic  
Inter Solomons, Conductor  
WABC—Assignment Home  
WMCA—News; Novena Services  
WQXR—News; Request Music  
3:00-WOR—It's Up to Youth  
WABC—To Be Announced  
3:15-WABC—Cross Section—CIO  
4:00-WEAF—Doctors at Home  
WOR—Better Half—Matinee  
WABC—Record Shop  
WMCA—News; Western Songs  
WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
4:30-WEAF—First Piano Quartet  
WOR—Fletcher Orchestra  
WABC—Lawrence Orchestra  
4:45-WOR—Racing at Hialeah  
4:55-WABC—Olin Downes—Talk  
5:00-WEAF—Studio Music  
WOR—Musical Organ Bag  
WJZ—Dance Music  
WABC—Budapest String Quartet  
WQXR—News; Musical Milestones  
5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News  
WOR—Gordon Orchestra

## RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.  
WEAF—660 Kc.  
WOR—710 Kc.  
WJZ—770 Kc.  
WNIC—830 Kc.  
WABC—880 Kc.  
WINS—1050 Kc.  
WEVD—1230 Kc.  
WRBW—1130 Kc.  
WLIR—1150 Kc.  
WEN—1200 Kc.  
WOV—1250 Kc.  
WINT—1450 Kc.  
WQXR—1280 Kc.

WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
5:45-WEAF—Variety Musicale  
WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs  
WQXR—City Symphony Preview

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—Lyle Van, News  
WOR—Paul Schubert  
WJZ—Wilfred Fletcher, News  
WABC—Quincy Howe, News  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
6:15-WEAF—Around Town—John Cooper  
WOR—Strictly Personal  
WJZ—News Reports  
WABC—People's Platform  
WMCA—Recorded Songs  
6:30-WQXR—News; Dinner Music  
6:35-WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News  
WJZ—Harry Wismer, Sports  
WMCA—Racing Results  
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News  
WOR—Sports—Glen Lomax  
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.  
WABC—The World Today  
WMCA—Talk—Jack Shafer  
6:55-WABC—Robert Trout, News  
7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy  
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz  
WJZ—It's Your Business  
WABC—Play—With Helen Hayes  
WMCA—News; Dance Music  
WQXR—News; Footlight Echoes  
7:15-WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
7:30-WEAF—Jimmy Edmundson Show  
WOR—Arthur Hale  
WJZ—The Green Hornet—Sketch  
WABC—The First Nighter  
WQXR—Guest Artist  
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man  
8:00-WEAF—Life of Riley—Play  
WOR—Twenty Questions  
WJZ—The New Dick Tracy Show  
WABC—Dick Haymes Show  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall  
8:15-WJZ—Harry Morgan  
8:30-WEAF—Truth and Consequences  
WOR—Harry Savoy Show  
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials—Drama  
WABC—Mayor of the Town—Play, with Lionel Barrymore  
8:55-WABC—Ned Calmer, News

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### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance  
WOR—Leave It to the Girls  
WJZ—Gangbusters—Play  
WABC—Hit Parade  
WMCA—News; Shoot the Works  
WQXR—News Reports  
9:05-WQXR—Talk—Dennis Pinner  
9:20-WQXR—Request Music  
9:30-WEAF—Can You Top This?  
WOR—Break the Bank  
WJZ—Boston Symphony Orchestra  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
9:45-WABC—Saturday Serenade  
10:00-WEAF—Judy Canova Show  
WOR—Theater of the Air  
WQXR—News; Recorded Album  
10:15-WABC—Celebrity Club  
10:30-WEAF—Old Time Opry  
WJZ—Garden of Song  
WMCA—Frank Kingston  
WQXR—Guest Conductor  
10:45-WJZ—Steelworkers Speak  
WABC—To Be Announced  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
11:00-WEAF—WABC—News; Music  
WJZ—News; Sidewalk Interviews  
WOR—News; Music  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour  
11:30-WEAF—Salute to Scouting  
12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music  
WABC, WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News Reports

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## Film Front

# Joris Ivens Reported Having Trouble Re-Entering U.S.A.

by David Platt

JORIS IVENS, the noted documentary film maker, is reported to be having difficulty getting back into the United States since he resigned his post as Film Commissioner for the Netherlands Indies Government in protest over Dutch policy in Indonesia.

The Hollywood Writers Mobilization disclosed this news in a cable sent to Ivens, who is in Australia, reading as follows:

"Reports that official barriers are being raised against your re-entry into the United States following your resignation as Film Commissioner for the Netherlands Indies Government are causing grave concern in Hollywood Writers Mobilization representing 3,500 motion picture, radio and newspaper writers, and producers, directors and educators in this area.

"We are aware that you sacrificed important position in American motion picture industry to accept Netherlands Indies film post. We respect your decision to resign that post as a matter of personal principle and assure you of strong support of American public opinion in your stand. Hollywood Writers Mobilization protests strongly any effort to bar or delay your return to the United States and will use every resource to oppose such effort. Please keep us advised by cable of all developments.

"(Signed) Franklin Fearing, Acting Chairman, Hollywood Writers Mobilization."

IVENS, it will be recalled, set out to make films for the Dutch Government because he had been led to believe that Indonesia would be freed at the end of the war. His destination was the East Indies but he only got as far as Australia. "It was reported that he had been forbidden entry into the Dutch East Indies zone, by order of the U. S. Army command in power there." (Screen Writers Guild Bulletin.) The director was still in Australia when hostilities broke out between the islanders and the Anglo-Dutch armies. Late in November, Ivens resigned his post. He said: "As an artist I have not and will not do any film work that would be against my principles and convictions. As a Dutch citizen I believe that the great democratic traditions of our people in Europe should be applied in the Far East, making possible an understanding between two free peoples that would serve the interests of the Dutch nation as well as the national interests of Indonesia. I feel that the present attitude of the Netherlands Indies Government can only serve the interests of a small group in the Netherlands."

THIS latest news about Ivens is indeed disconcerting. Any attempt to bar his return to the United States can only be construed as support for Dutch imperialism and against the true interests of the American people. It will be resisted by all those who hailed the famous director's firm stand for Indonesian democracy and independence.

## 'Midnight Matinee' In Harlem for Actors

The American Negro Theatre thinks hard-working Broadway actors deserve a chance to see other people's shows once in a while. Accordingly, ANT is giving a special "midnight matinee" performance of its new production *On Strivers' Row*, at 11:45 p.m., this Sunday evening (Feb. 17) at ANT playhouse, 15 W. 126 St. This will be a special preview, as the play does not open officially until Thursday, Feb. 28, at a less robust hour (8:45 p.m.).

*On Strivers' Row*, a comedy by Abe Hill, has a large cast of 18, with a special musical score by Frank Fields. In their large new playhouse, ANT actors will have plenty of room to put on a big, lusty show.



The pretty miss above is Charlotte Anthony, radio artist, whose specialty is folk songs. Miss Anthony will be heard Sunday, Feb. 17 over WNEW, at 4 p.m. on the Folk Festival program.

## Concert of Works Of Julius Chajes At Town Hall

A concert devoted to music of Julius Chajes will be presented at Town Hall on Sunday evening, Feb. 17. Participants will include the New York Schola Cantorum, Hugh Ross conducting; Marguerite Kozenn, soprano; Michael Rosenker, violinist; Simeon Bollison, clarinetist; Mr. Chajes at the piano; and a string quartet composed of members of the New York Philharmonic—Symphony (Jacques Margolies and Louis Pishohn, violinists; David Katz, violist, and Carl Stern, cellist).

The program will feature a Palestinian Suite for Clarinet, String Quartet and Piano; a cantata, *Zion, Rise and Shine* for solo, mixed voices and organ, and a Sonata in A Minor for violin and piano. They are all first New York performances.

Mr. Chajes is the director of music at the Detroit Jewish Community Center. He made his American debut in 1938 in New York's Town Hall. He has composed music for almost every instrument and his works have received wide performance by such artists as Pablo Casals, Mischa Elman and members of the New York Philharmonic and Philadelphia Orchestras.

## 'Last Chance' At the Allerton

The Last Chance, dramatic Swiss film of refugee escape from the Nazi terror, will play today through Monday at the Allerton Theatre (Allerton and White Plains Ave.) The second feature is *Guest Wife* with Claudette Colbert. Added attraction Saturday night at 11:30 p.m. only, Jennie Goldstein in *Two Sisters*.

# Filming the Underground in Italy

An industrious, democratic group of Italian film people, in an effort to show Italy and the world just what went on when the Nazis hung their hats in Rome, have produced a 90-minute film entitled *Open City*. All events in the film, which took six months to produce, are true depictions of actual events.

In Rome during the German occupation. Many of the scenes, including the destruction of a railroad train by a band of anti-Nazi Italian boys and mass arrests of persons accused of underground activities, were filmed near or at the exact location of the particular incident.

Technical production of the picture caused many headaches. Sound equipment was not available at the time when the scenes—including close-ups and mass shots—were taken, and all voices and background music had to be dubbed in later.

This was a difficult task, particularly for 11-year-old Vito Annichiarico, a former Piazza Barberini shoeshine boy, who has a leading role. The lad is one of many persons "picked off the street" to perform in the film and add to its realism. Many of the cast were paid incredible low salaries; others performed for a meal or for nothing.

### FOREMOST STARS

The lead roles are played by some of Italy's foremost stage and screen stars, including Anna Magnani, Aldo Fabrizi, Marcello Pagliero, Giovanna Galletti, Maria Michi, Feist and Nando Bruno. The script was written by Sergio Amadeo and Federico Fellini, with Roberto Rossellini as the director.

Miss Magnani, incidentally, gives one of the finest performances of her career in the film. Portraying a poor Roman widow helping her anti-Fascist fiancé in his work against the Nazis, her sympathetic character is indeed a highlight of the picture. Miss Magnani, like many others in the cast, is noted for her work on the Italian stage.

Production on the picture started last January, 1945, and even then—six months after the Nazis had been chased out of Rome—the company encountered trouble while shooting some scenes in which Italians were dressed as SS troopers.

### PRODUCTION PROBLEMS

In one particular "take," filmed on a local street, a car filled with men wearing SS uniforms was to pull up to the curb, apprehend the force into the vehicle, a trio of Italian Partisans. Just as the arrest was being made, a streetcar came along and the conductor, apparently believing the Germans had retaken Rome, stopped the trolley and dashed over to give his fellow countrymen a hand. He broke into



A scene from "Open City," Italian anti-fascist film which will open soon in New York.

the act, all right, but the scene had actual incidents occurred—during to be re-shot.

In another scene, the 40-year-old Fabrizi, portraying a Roman priest, Don Pietro, was to be executed for his anti-Nazi activities. The extras hired to act as the firing squad all admitted they had never handled a gun before. Furthermore, the firearms were antiquated and no one knew if the pieces were loaded or whether the safety devices, despite being locked, would fulfill their advertised function.

With his back toward the firing squad, Fabrizi, one of Italy's leading comedians who has been acting since he was four years old, admits that he was afraid of being "shot" in more ways than one in this, his first serious role. To add to his misery, a black cat crossed his path while the scene was being rehearsed. Finally, after four rehearsals, the camera actually started to grind.

Many of the scenes resemble newscasts, but they're not. In taking the camera to locations where the

the occupation the SS headquarters was located in the Hotel Flora on Via Veneto and the underground printed anti-Nazi material in the cellar of an art shop in Via Margutta—the producers have made an excellent record of events for the particular period covered.

Watch the Daily Worker for the opening date of *Open City*.

## Budapest Quartet Special Broadcast

The Budapest String Quartet is heard in a special broadcast over CBS today, Saturday, Feb. 16 (WABC-CBS, 5:00-6:00 p.m., EST). Their offerings include Schubert's *Mouvement in C*, Milhaud's *Quartet No. 12*, and the *Quartet in B flat major*, Op. 67 of Johannes Brahms. The concert is given in cooperation with the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation of the Library of Congress.

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# GI Newsmen Ask Congress Probe

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (UP).—Eighteen staff members of the Pacific edition of the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes called today for Congressional investigation of the removal of the paper's managing editor, Sgt. Ken Pettus, and columnist Cpt. Bernard Rubin.

In telegrams sent to the chairmen of the House and Senate

Military Affairs committees, the group demanded an inquiry into "Army policy and procedure that permits branding men disloyal to

their country without giving them an opportunity to defend themselves."

Pettus and Rubin were removed from their jobs Feb. 9 and ordered to join the 25th replacement depot at Okinawa. Col. John F. Davis, information and education chief in charge of the paper, said the men

were removed because of a "negative protest against Army censorship

loyalty check." They received an unofficial stay and were told the Inspector General's office would investigate their case after 10 other members of the Stars and Stripes staff protested to Gen. Douglas MacArthur that their removal was retaliation for an earlier

The 18 staff members today also telegraphed Sen. Pat A. McCarran (D-Nev.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to suggest that the committee's inquiry into Army court-martials be broadened to include an investigation of the Pettus-Rubin case.

## China CP Calls For a Democratic Manchuria Policy

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15 (UP).—A Communist Party spokesman today outlined what he said was the party's first four-power policy for Manchuria. First, it suggested that all Central Government organizations in Manchuria from headquarters down should be reorganized to let "democratic elements" participate in administration. The Communists said these organizations now are "monopolized by the Kuomintang" or Government party.

Second, all democratic forces in Manchuria should be recognized, the program continues.

Third, all existing "democratic local and county" governments also should be recognized.

Fourth, the Central Government forces entering Manchuria should be restricted to a stipulated strength, and entry by "puppet troops," or those which once served the Japanese, should be forbidden.

"If the Kuomintang refuses to recognize the status of Government forces and the Chinese Communist Party in Manchuria it would commit a grave mistake," said the policy statement. "The Chinese Communist Party already has requested the national Government to conduct negotiations on this question. We sincerely hope the government will enable such negotiations to be promptly conducted."

[The United Press yesterday carried a host of rumors regarding Soviet policy in Manchuria. The Kuomintang press during the last few days has also been full of hostile reports that Soviet occupation forces are exacting reparations from Manchurian industry. The United States is said to have questioned Chungking and Moscow on this question.]

### Rally Against Greek Vote Fraud Tomorrow

Warnings against a fake elections in Greece and American responsibility for lending such elections a false "authority" will be sounded at the rally of the Greek American Council, tomorrow, Sunday at 2 p.m. at Manhattan Center.

Speaking at the meeting on Sunday afternoon will be Rep. John M. Coffee, Hugh De Lacy, Dr. L. S. Stavrianos, Professor of History at Smith College and Johannes Steel.

## Canada Employees Leak A-Bomb Data, MacKenzie King Charges

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 (UP).—Canada, one of the custodians of the atom bomb secret, announced today that "there have been disclosures of secret and confidential information" by Canadian government employees "to unauthorized persons, including some members of the staff of a foreign mission in Ottawa."

The announcement was made by

Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King who said the government had "information of undoubted authenticity" that the disclosures had been made to foreign agents.

His statement gave no hint of the nature of the revealed "secret and confidential information" nor of the identity of the "foreign mission" nor of the Canadian government employees involved.

## GM Head Takes Part in Parley

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—For the first time since the General Motors strike started 87 days ago, Charles E. Wilson, GM president, entered negotiations today with the CIO Auto Workers. R. J. Thomas, UAW president, and George Addes, secretary - treasurer, represented the union. Both sides said a quick end of the strike would follow peace in the steel industry.

Neither Thomas nor Addes had any comment on the resignation of Richard Frankenstein, UAW vice-president, who quit his post last night, announcing he was considering "many offers."

Unofficial news coming from UAW negotiations with Ford indicates that R. T. Leonard, UAW Ford director, has reached an agreement with the company that no fines or strings will be attached to the 18 cent an hour wage offer. The company said agreement had been reached on most issues.

The story published in the Detroit press and not denied by Leonard is that the union will take a firmer attitude on wildcat strikes but that no fines or penalties will be agreed to. On production, the union is reported to have promised output will be maintained. Leonard made no statement. It is expected Ford negotiations will terminate soon.

National Labor Relations Board hearings called on UAW charges that GM had failed to bargain in good faith with the union, continued today with questioning of Henry Grady Weaver, director of GM's customer research staff.

NLRB attorneys said they would prove GM spent more than \$100,000 on material attacking the UAW.

### WU Arbitration To Begin Monday

Arbitration proceedings get under way Monday in the case of 7,500 New York Western Union employees under the terms of the settlement which ended their 34 day strike. Hearings will be held in the offices of Abraham L. Pomerantz, 295 Madison Ave.

## Pittsburgh Coalminers Buck Lewis; Support CIO Strikes, Blast GOP

By ART SHIELDS

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15.—Defying John L. Lewis' anti-CIO policies, coal miners of the Pittsburgh District endorsed the CIO's strikes in the steel, electrical and motor industries at their convention here today.

There was no dissenting vote. Sentiment for the CIO strikers was so overwhelming that Lewis men in the district union leadership did not combat the endorsement resolution when it was presented by rank-and-file delegates.

In fact, a visiting United Mine Workers leader, William Hynes, president of District 4, which represents coal diggers in the steel

companies' captive mines south of Pittsburgh, said:

"I wish all the good luck in the world to the steel workers, the automobile workers, the electrical workers and any other labor union that is striving to advance the interests of their membership."

The Case anti-labor bill was unanimously denounced by the 300 delegates, who spoke for the 33,000 union miners in the UMW's District 5.

The convention was marked by the most independent and frank in many years. Clearest example of this independence was the passage of an amendment to the constitution reducing terms

of district officers from four years to two.

The amendment was passed after a four-hour fight on the floor against the machine of District President John Busarello.

Lewis' pro-Republican policies were swept aside when the convention condemned Gov. Martin of Pennsylvania and his administration. Support for Democratic candidates was urged. The Democratic Party in this district is under strong labor pressure.

The convention ends Saturday. Rank-and-file delegates are pressing for action on resolutions demanding a reduction of the portal-to-portal day in the mines from nine hours to seven.

## Blood 'Hip-Deep' In Poland in Nazi Valley of Death

NUERNBERG, Feb. 15 (UP).—A "valley of death" in Poland which ran hip-deep with the blood of Nazi victims was described at the war crimes trial today by a Soviet prosecutor.

Prosecutor Leo Smirnov, accusing Hans Frank, former Nazi governor-general of Poland, and Field Marshal Gen. Wilhelm Keitel of direct responsibility for crimes against patriot fighters and innocent civilians, told how the Germans killed tens of thousands in mass executions.

He quoted an eye-witness description of the "valley of death" in a wooded glen near the Polish town of Piskownja.

"We were forced to work in blood which came up to our hips, since there were tens of thousands of bodies from which blood was flowing," he quoted the witness.

Smirnov quoted a 27-year-old German corporal named Lecourt that he alone shot 1,200 men, both partisans and peaceful citizens, and burned down many houses. These acts had the encouragement of the German High Command, Smirnov charged.

"WITHOUT LIMITATION"

Keitel, he asserted, ordered the army to act "without limitation" in crushing the partisans, even against women and children "if it leads to success," Smirnov said.

He accused Frank of "liquidating" at least 3,000,000 Jews during the war while head of occupied Poland. Frank was a man without mercy, he added.

Frank listened to Smirnov with his lower lip thrust out and a sneering expression on his face, as the Soviet prosecutor quoted a passage from Frank's diary urging that anti-Nazis captured by the Germans be shot on the spot because sending them to concentration camps would be "too much bother."

That entry he said, was made in 1940, which was before Germany launched her attack on Russia. About the same time, Smirnov said, Frank wrote:

"Even if peace is concluded, nothing will change in our treatment. Peace will merely mean that then as a world power we will carry into life the same general political line, only with greater intensity. Peace fundamentally will change nothing."

## Legion Post Asks Probe in Freeport

American Legion Post 1137 yesterday demanded an investigation and punishment in the slaying in Freeport, L. I., of the two Negro Ferguson brothers, the wounding of a third and the jailing of a fourth.

The demand was made by the Calvin F. Adams Memorial Post, Manhattan, in letters to Gov. Dewey, the Freeport Mayor and Chief of Police, and the District Attorney for Nassau County.

The post, taking action on a resolution passed unanimously Feb. 8, went "on record in strenuous protest at the brutal mistreatment, slaying, wounding and jailing of the four Ferguson brothers"—Private First Class Charles and veteran Alfonso Ferguson, murdered; Seaman Joseph, USN, wounded; and civilian Richard, railroaded to jail in Freeport on Feb. 5.

Richard Ferguson, who was railroaded to jail for 100 days, was out of jail yesterday after a \$100 fine was paid by an aunt. The fine is not an admission of guilt. If the

case is thrown out on an appeal or a new trial called, the \$100 will be refunded.

Joseph Romeika, the cop who slew the men, is still on the beat. Eyewitnesses said Romeika fired in cold blood.

Freeport citizens are holding a rally tomorrow (Sunday) night at Pythian Hall, 56 W. Merrick Rd., Freeport, L. I. The rally, at 8 p.m., will hear the Rev. Theodore O. Boblin, head of 77 Methodist Churches in Long Island; Rev. Ben Richardson, associate editor of The Protestant; Mrs. Bradley Smith, Freeport resident; Lt. Bertram Alves, United Veterans for Equality, and Rabbi Gettelson, of the Rockville Masonic Temple.

A crowded meeting at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Rockaway Beach last Tuesday, called to commemorate Lincoln's Birthday, turned into a meeting of protest over the slayings. Telegrams and letters were sent to the Mayor of Freeport and District Attorney Gehrig from the 300 present.

## EGYPT PREMIER RESIGNS; ANTI-BRITISH FIGHT GROWS

CAIRO, Feb. 15 (UP).—Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha, Premier for less than a year, submitted his government's resignation to King Farouk today, as anti-government, anti-British demonstrations again erupted in Cairo.

The king asked former Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha to form a new government. Sidky is head of the Federation of Industries, and one of the two Egyptian members of the Suez Canal Co. He is a member of the Higher Economic Council, supreme state advisory body on economic problems.

Recently he has criticized Nokrashy for what he called an "over-courteous" attitude toward Britain.

Nokrashy's government had been under attack from without and from within. Nationalists objected it was not moving rapidly enough to get the British out of Egypt. Three

cabinet ministers resigned earlier this week in protest against the handling of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty question, and against the government's stand on student rioting.

Like others of the past week, today's student demonstrations began with groups shouting "Down with England! Evacuation or revolution!" Students took over a microphone in the Al Azhar Mosque after the day's services and led a congregation of 3,000 in prayer for the souls of the "nation's martyrs murdered by oppressive tyranny."

### High Voltage

American Power & Light Co. collected a net profit of \$13,782,360 in the last fiscal year, Columbia Gas and Electric reports a net \$15,467,702. We can now expect a voluntary reduction in rates.

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